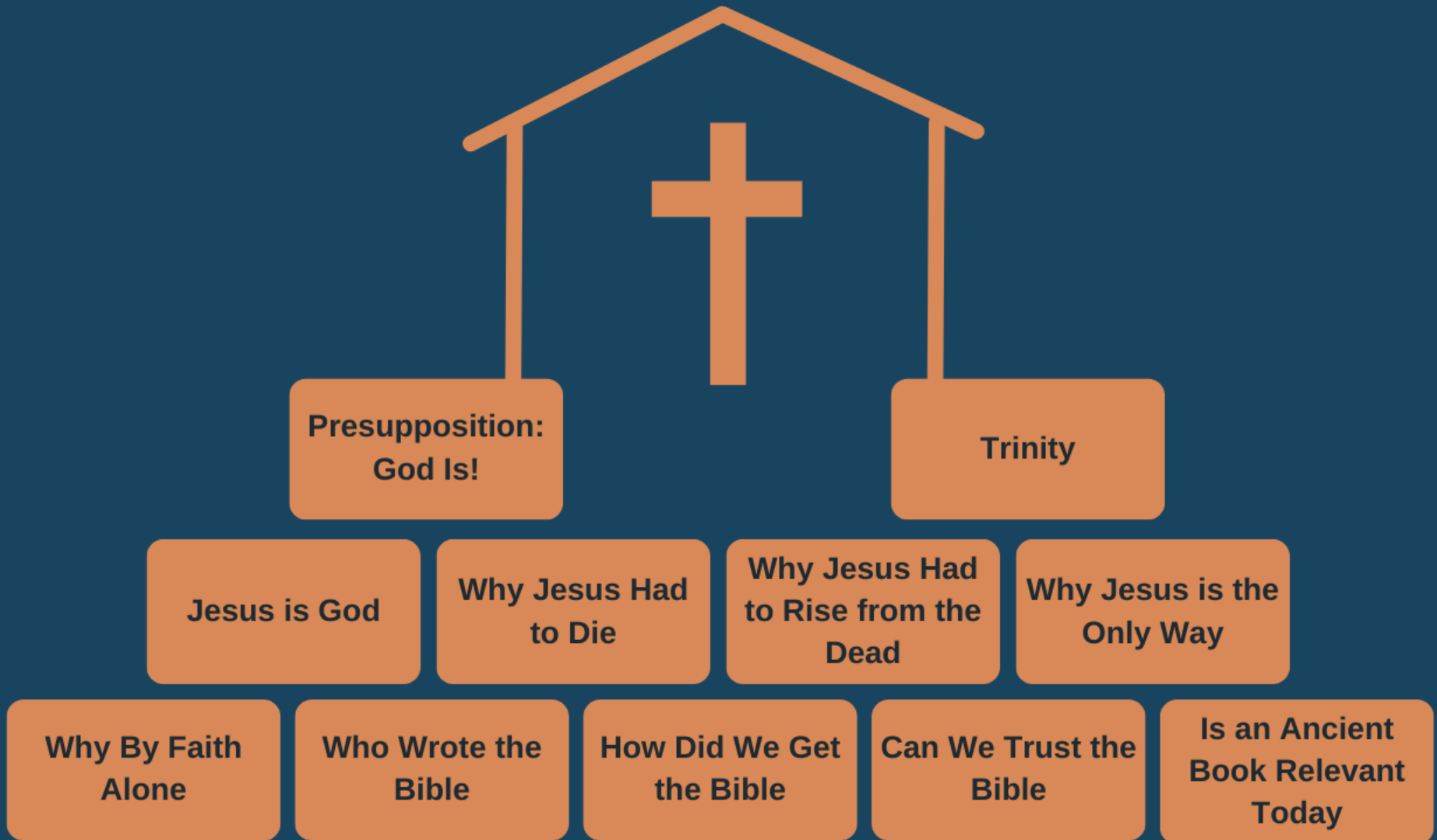


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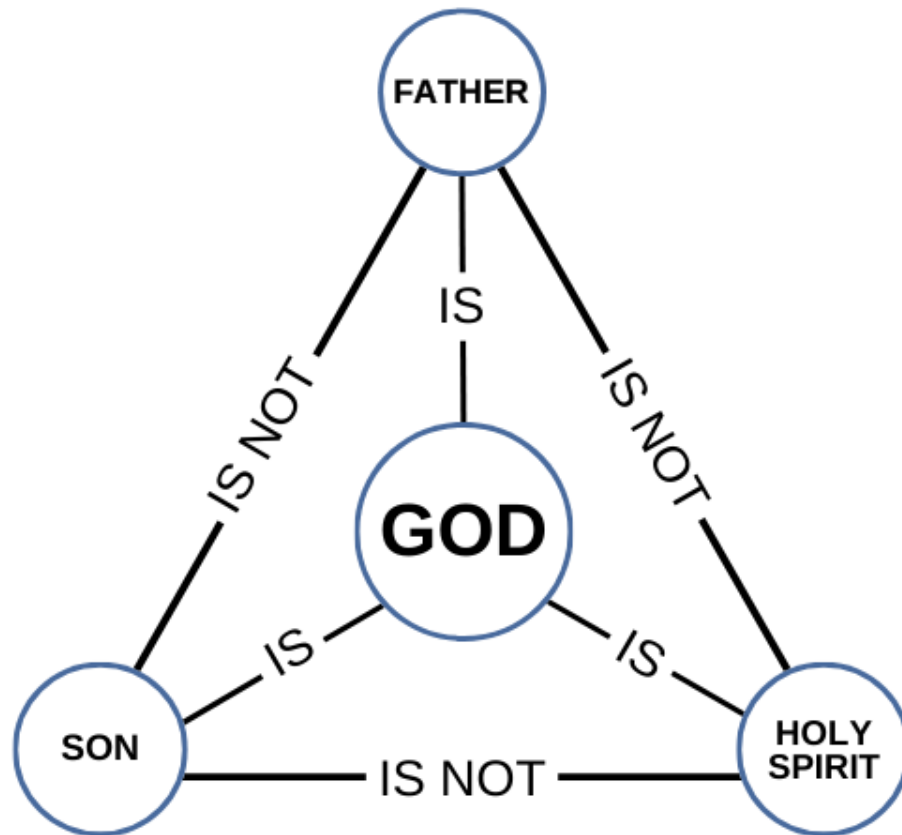
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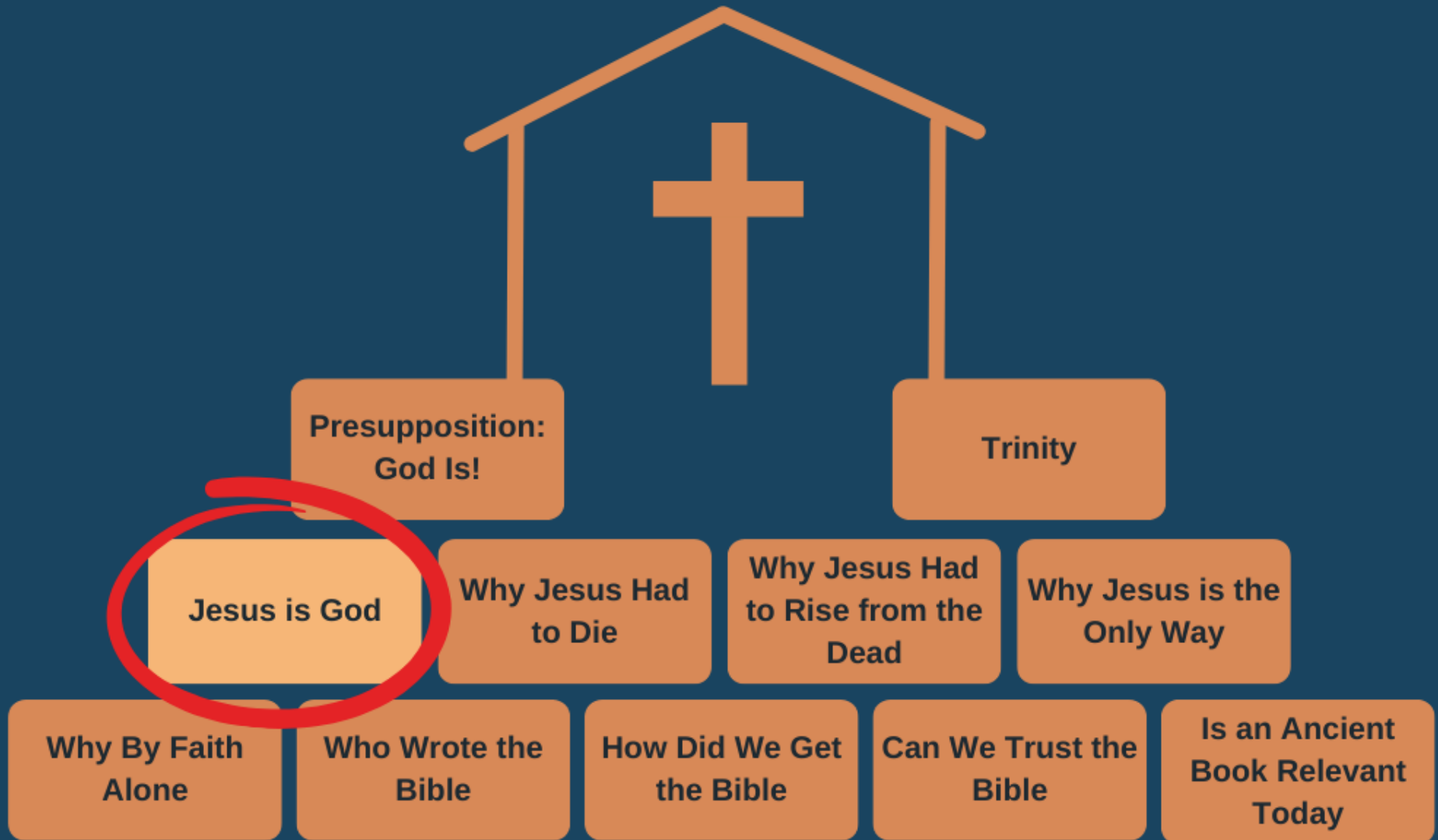
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Common Diagram of the Godhead



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It is Reasonable to
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the God-Man

*Fully God and fully
man in one person*

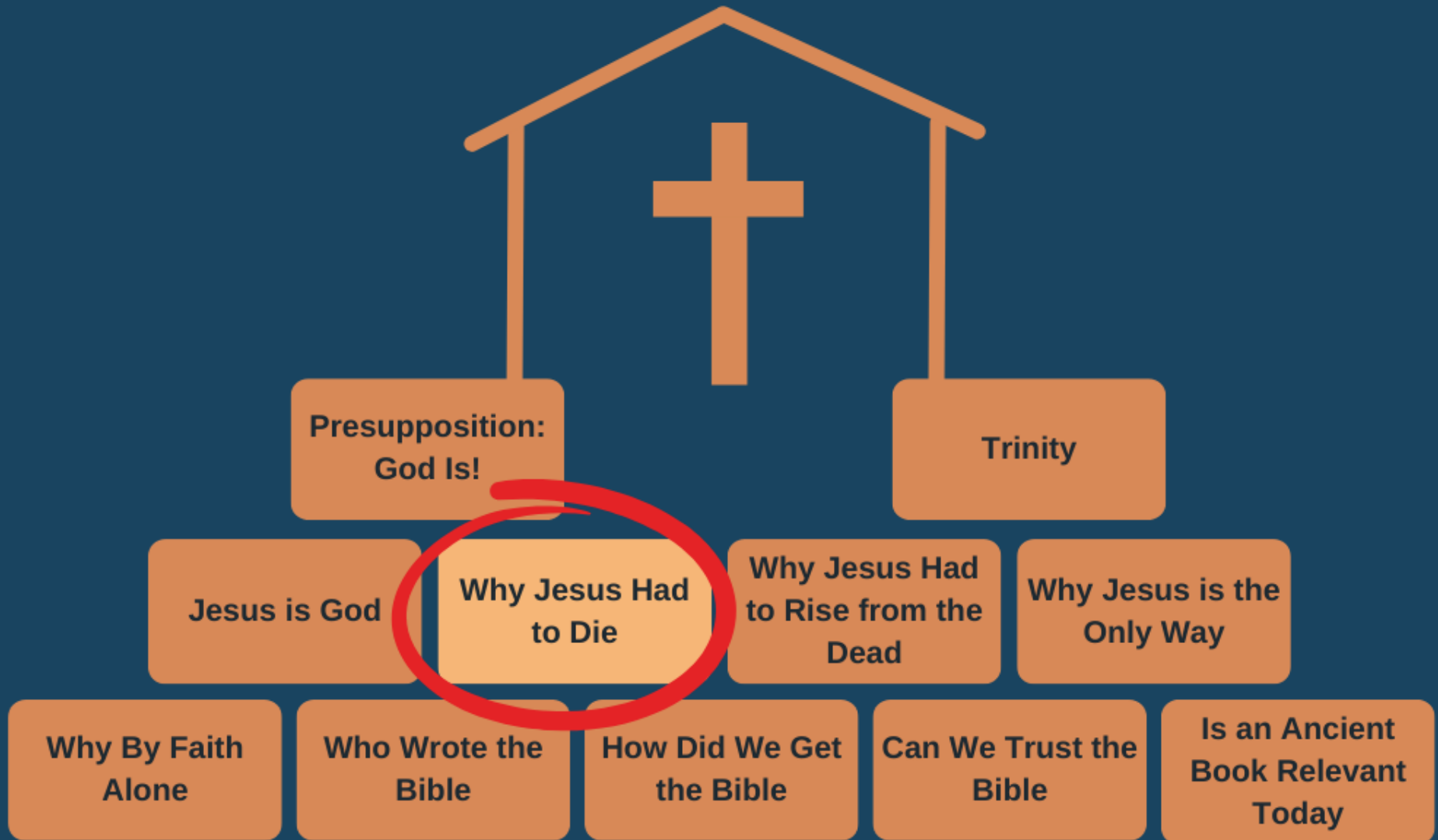




KEY CONCEPT

**If Jesus is not fully man,
He would not have been
able to die. If Jesus is not
fully God, His death would
not have been able to pay
for our sin!**

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**God's holiness and
righteousness demands that
sin be punished if people are
to ever be in right
relationship with Him.**



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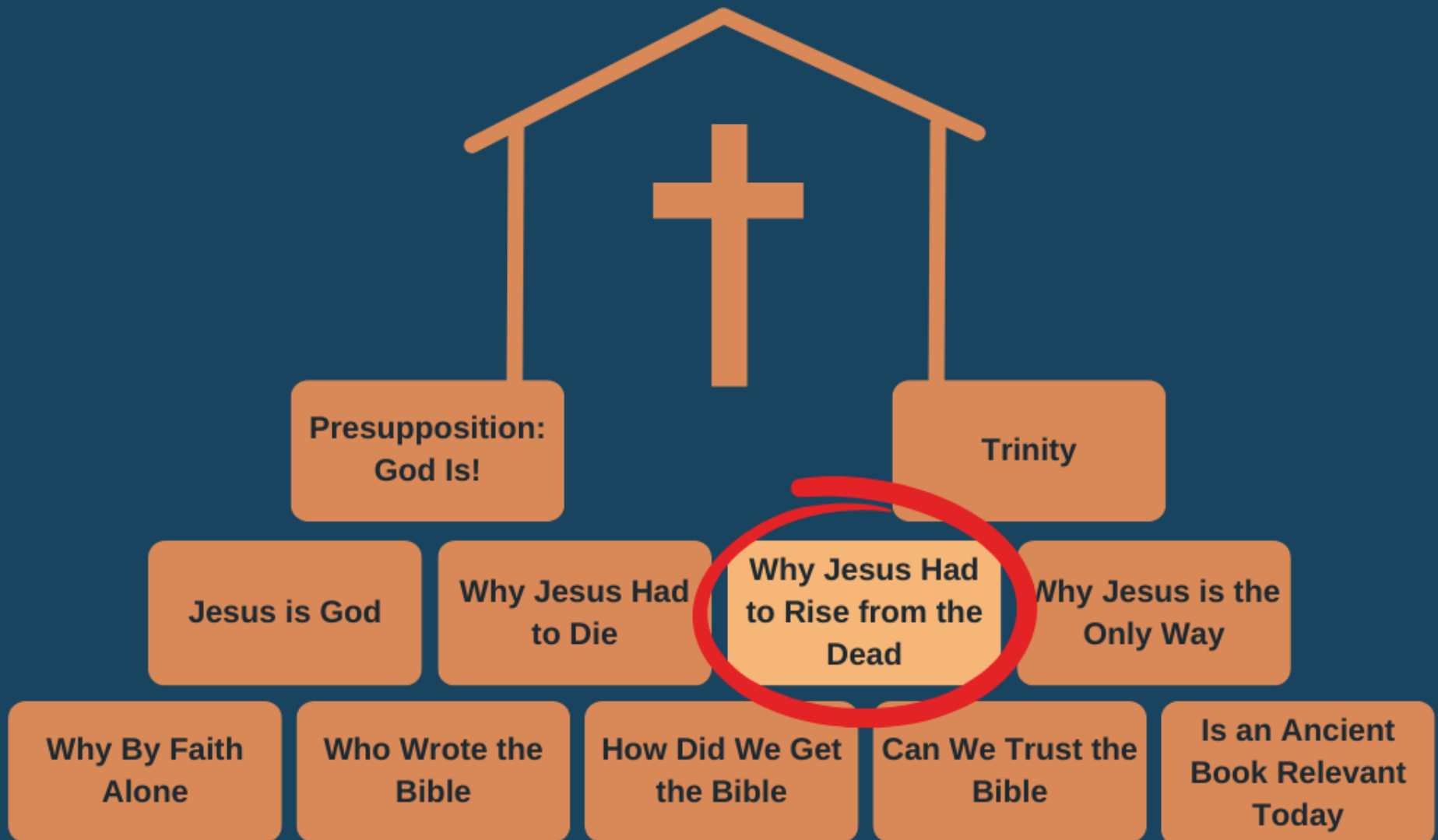
**Jesus, the God-Man is
the only suitable
substitute that could die for
the sin of humanity because
there is no sin in Him!
Jesus never sinned!**

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Why Did Jesus Have to Rise from the Dead?

“... Paul shows that everything stands or falls with Christ’s bodily resurrection” (Henry Thiessen, Lectures in Systematic Theology, pp. 89-90).



1 Corinthians 15:12-13,

“But tell me this—since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead? For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either” (NLT).



1 Corinthians 15:14-15,

“And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can’t be true if there is no resurrection of the dead”

(NLT).



1 Corinthians 15:16-19,

“And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world” (NLT).



If Jesus did not Rise:

- He was a liar (Matt. 20:19; 28:6).
- We would have no one to intercede for us or enable us.
- There is no Gospel (i.e., Good News)!
- Believers are fools!



Matthew 20:17-19,

“As Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve *disciples* aside by themselves, and on the way He said to them, ‘Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify *Him*, and on the third day He will be raised up’” (NASB).



Why Did Jesus
Have to Rise
from the Dead?

*Let's take a
deeper dive*



First, Jesus Did Die:

Proof of John 19:34, “But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out” (NASB).



“The spear apparently went through the right lung and into the heart, so when the spear was pulled out, some fluid—the pericardial effusion and the pleural effusion—came out. This would have the appearance of a clear fluid, like water, followed by a large volume of blood, as the eyewitness John described in his gospel. . . . **John’s description is consistent with what modern medicine would expect to have happened”**

(Lee Strobel, [The Case for Christ](#), p. 293).



*Second, the empty tomb witnesses
to Jesus' resurrection:*

The apostle John gives his
testimony of how he believed in
the resurrection by considering
the evidence of the empty tomb
in **John 20:3-9**.



John 20:3-5,

“So Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb. The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first; and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying *there*; but he did not go in” (NASB).



John 20:6-7,

“And so Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he saw the linen wrappings lying *there*, and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself” (NASB).



John 20:8-9,

“So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead”

(NASB).



- Why does John make a big deal about these linen cloths and face cloth?
- Evidently, the body cloths were still in their original position so the only way Jesus could have been taken out from them was by rising through them.
- Contrast this with John 11:44, “The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go’” (NASB).
- Verse 20:8, “. . . And he saw and believed.”
- Verse 20:9, “. . . that He must rise again from the dead.”



Psalm 16:10-11,

“For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay. You will make known to me the path of life; In your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever” (NASB).



Third, the New Testament includes eye witness accounts of Jesus' appearances after His resurrection:

- **Mary Magdalene and other women**
(Mt 28:8-10; Mk 16:9-10; Jn 20:11-18)
- **Peter** (Luke 24:34; 1 Cor 15:5)
- **Disciples on the road to Emmaus**
(Mark 16:12; Luke 24:13-32)
- **Disciples in the Upper Room**
(Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25)
- **Disciples the next Sunday**
(Mk 16:14; Jn 20:26-29)
- **7 disciples by the Sea of Galilee** (Jn 21:1-24)
- **More than 500 brethren** (1 Cor 15:6-7)



Matthew 28:8-10,

“And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me’”

(NASB).



1 Corinthians 15:3-5,

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve” (NASB).



Luke 24:13a, 15, 27, and 31,

“And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus . . .

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and *began* traveling with them. . . . Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. . . . Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight”

(NASB).



Luke 24:36-39

“While they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst and said to them, ‘Peace be to you.’ But they were startled and frightened and thought they were seeing a spirit. And He said to them, ‘Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have’” (NASB).



Mark 16:14

“Afterward He appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining *at the table*; and He reproached them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who had seen Him after He had risen” (NASB).



John 21:1

“Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened”

(NLT).



1 Corinthians 15:6

“After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died” (NLT).



Fourth, the New Testament records that Jesus' resurrected body is a physical body:

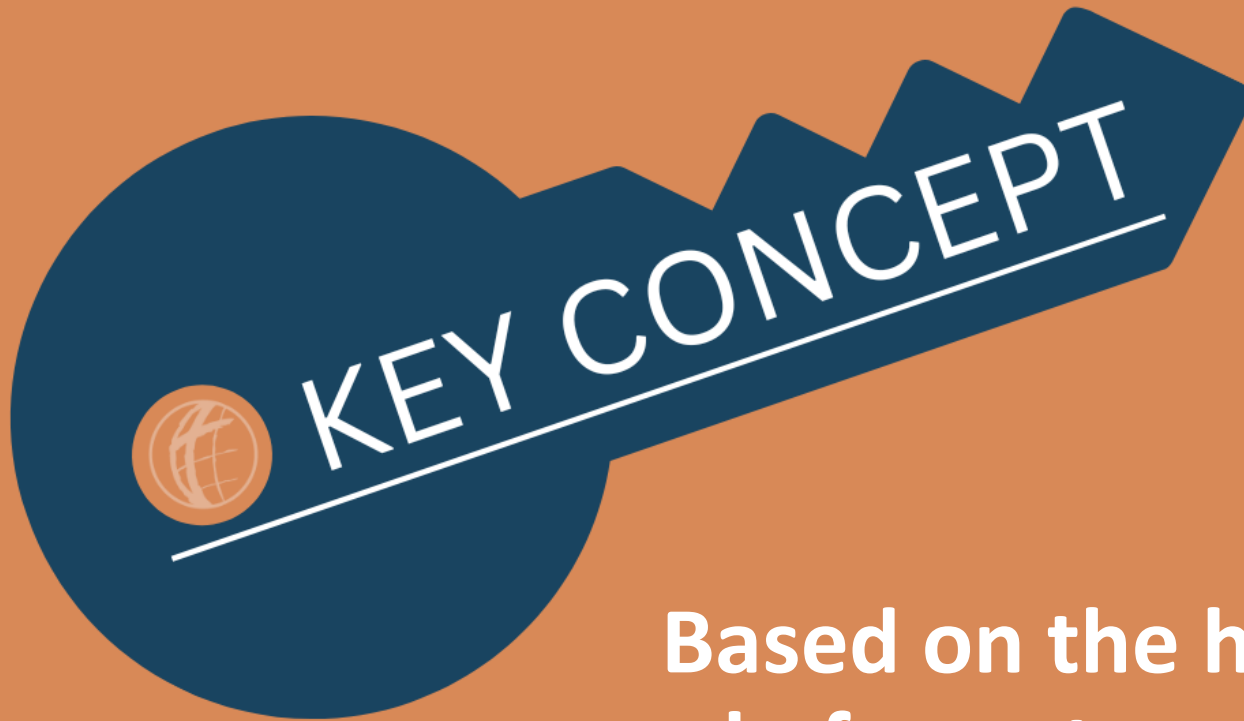
- **Recognizable (John 20:20)**
- **Crucifixion wounds still present (John 20:25-29; Rev 5:6)**
- **Ate food even though He did not need to eat (Luke 24:30-33, 41-43)**
- **Is not just a spirit because His body has flesh and bones (Luke 24:39-40)**
- **But Jesus' resurrection body allows Him to enter rooms without opening doors (Luke 24:36; John 20:19)**



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**We still need to answer the
question**



Why Did Jesus Have to Rise from the Dead?





JESUS' RESURRECTION PROVES THAT HE IS GOD:

Romans 1:3-4, “concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord” (NASB).



JESUS' RESURRECTION PROVES THAT HE IS THE MESSIAH:

Acts 2:32-36, “This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.’ Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified” (NASB).



JESUS' RESURRECTION ENSURES OUR NEW BIRTH (I.E., OUR REGENERATION)

1 Peter 1:3, “Blessed by the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (NASB).



JESUS' RESURRECTION ENSURES THAT THE POWER THAT RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD IS THE SAME POWER WORKING IN US

Ephesians 1:18-20, *"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know . . . What is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places"* (NASB).



JESUS' RESURRECTION EMPOWERS BELIEVERS TO EXPERIENCE VICTORY OVER SIN

Romans 6:4, “Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life” (NASB).



JESUS' RESURRECTION ENSURES OUR RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD (I.E. OUR JUSTIFICATION)

Romans 4:25, “He was given over because of our transgressions and was raised for the sake of our justification” (NET).

Romans 4:25, “He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God” (NLT).



JESUS' RESURRECTION GUARANTEES THE RESURRECTION OF BELIEVERS

1 Corinthians 6:14, “Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power” (NASB).

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Jesus' Resurrection:

- Proves that He is God
- Proves that He is the Messiah
- Ensures our new birth (i.e., our regeneration)
- Ensures that the power that raised Jesus from the dead is the same power working in us
- Empowers believers to experience victory over sin
- Ensures our right relationship with God (i.e., our justification)
- Guarantees the resurrection of believers



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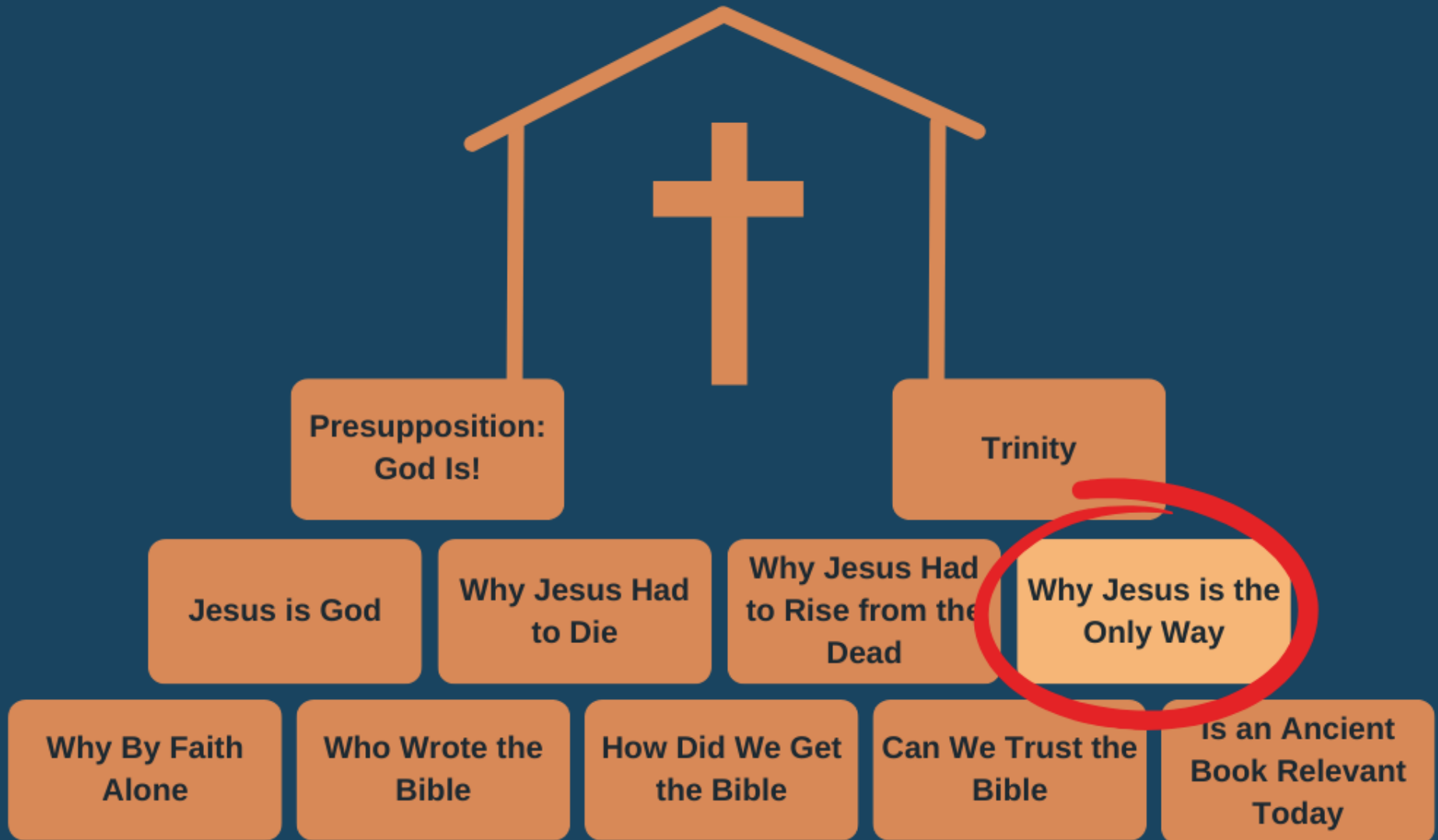
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